Development of surplus land

†2847. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has any proposal to develop its surplus land;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) to what extent Railways are likely to generate income by way of this step in the next two years and the income generated thereby during 2006-07 alongwith the mode of its utilization; and

(d) the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Railways do not have any surplus land. Railways have however 44,894 hectare of vacant land. Till such time, the land is required by Railways for its own operational use, the same is put to various short term uses like commercial licensing, plantation, Grow More Food scheme, etc. In addition where potential exists, commercial development of land will be undertaken through Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA).

(c) By way of commercial utilization of Railways land, Railways are expected to earn Rs. 500-Rs.600 crore annually in the next two financial year. During the financial year 2006-07, (upto February, 2007) Railways has realized Rupees 307 crore approximately from land utilization.

(d) State-wise details are not maintained by Railways. However, Zone-wise details of earnings upto February, 2007 is as under:

Railway	Earnings (in thousands of rupees)
1	2
Central Railway	446456
Eastern Railway	68753
East-Central Railway	8703
East-Coast Railway	57527

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1	2
Northern Railway	804226
North-Central Railway	117276
North-Eastern Railway	66677
North-Frontier Railway	160575
North-Western Railway	242985
South-Western Railway	218119
South-Central Railway	224270
South-Eastern Railway	122135
South-East Central Railway	81399
South-Western Railway	162888
Western Railway	226769
West-Central Railway	60080
Metro Railway	1697
TOTAL:	3070535

Arrest of passengers

†2848. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some passengers were arrested on the charge of fake tickets while travelling from Kahalgaon to Tundla by train on 16th October, 2005;

(b) if so, the details of passengers;

(c) whether later on, it was proved in the investigation that there was signature of booking clerk on the tickets and these tickets were issued by ticket counter of Kahalgaon;

(d) if so, the action taken against such corrupt employees; and

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